



Disassembling Mercedes W123 Kick Panel

The kick panels, below the dash, is designed to conceal and protect a number of items that may need your attention. Learn to remove it to get access to these parts. And learn to identify some of what you see underneath!

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INTRODUCTION

If your blower motor is making noise, you need to check your A/C for leaks inside the car, or you need to remove your instrument cluster you will need to pull one or both of your kick panels. Don't let it get in the way of your doing your own diagnosis and work! This guide uses the passenger side kick panel as the example, the driver's side is basically the same.

TOOLS:

- [Phillips #1 Screwdriver](#) (1)
 - [Flathead Screwdriver](#) (1)
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Step 1 — Kick Panel



- Begin by gently prying out the covers for the screws on the upper edge of the kick panel.

Step 2



- Then remove these screws.

Step 3



- Then remove any metal screws, and any plastic trim screws, at the sides of the kick panel below the dash.

Step 4



- Now lower the panel down and rest it on the floor.
- It can be removed full for further ease of access, depending on the job at hand.

Step 5



- Now you'll want to identify some of the components you are looking at so you can begin working on the one that is having issues.
- Here are some of the ones you may find. This car is a 1985 300D; if you have an older model the items are likely a bit different.
 - Heater blower motor
 - Over-voltage protection relay
 - Air-conditioning expansion valve

To reassemble your device, follow these instructions in reverse order.